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SUBJECT: LIBYAN/ASU DEL DEPARTS CAIRO

1. LIBYAN ARAB SOCIALIST UNION DEL DEPARTED CAIRO FOR DAMASCUS DECEMBER 1, FOLLOWING WHAT LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CALLED "SUCCESSFUL VISIT". LIBYANS REPORTEDLY CAME TO EGYPT ON "PRIVATE MISSION" WITH INTENTION OF STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS. GROUP RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE, INCLUDING FEATURE PHOTOS WITH SADAT WHO RECEIVED THEM FOR TWO HOURS. MENA SAID RESULTS WERE POSITIVE AND WILL HAVE FAR REACHING EFFECTS ON IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING AND CONSOLIDATING BILATERAL RELATIONS. FARAJ BALHA, HEAD OF LIBYAN DEL, TOLD AKHBAR THAT THERE WILL BE MORE BILATERAL MEETINGS IN "COMING FEW DAYS".

2. COMMENT: LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS ARE CLEARLY ON THE UPSWING YET AGAIN. GOE'S STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS ON EGYPTIAN TEACHERS AND TECHNICIANS RETURNING TO LIBYA HAVE BEEN RELAXED, A FACT WELL-KNOWN IN CAIRO. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, HOWEVER, SUGGETING THAT GOE MILITARY ADVISORS HAVE YET RETURNED TO LIBYA.

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